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IN THE THROES OF DIPLOMACY.

The United States and Russia Discuss the Future of China.

AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The Russian ote relative to the withdrawal of Rus-Bla from China, and the United States day by the State Department, after the Cabinet had fully considered the expediency of so doing. The correspondence is unique in the history of

oe ice-bound. General Chaffee was further advised to-day of the developments in the situation, a compendious matement of the points in the Russo-American correspondence being cabled to him for his guidance. As bearing further on the prospects of the future, it may be noted that the War Department officials state that the government has not considered the question of the evacuation of China.

CONSIDERATION PROMISED.

It scarcely is expected that even with the ald of the cables a complete accord can be reached upon this last proposition immediately. Up to the close of the official day only two communications had been received in consequence of our last note. One was from the British Foreign office, promising consideration for the note, and one from Germany, wishing for time to consider the proposition.

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of familiarity with Russia's traditional friendship with China, they having been on good and neighborly terms since 1664. This unselfish and neighborly sentiment, it is maintained, is the chief motive for Russia's present

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London, Aug. 31.—The Associated Press has official authority for announcing that the American-Russian proposal in favor of the withdrawal of the allied forces from Pekin, with the view of facilitating negotiations for the conclusion of peace, has not only met with considerable favor at European chancellories, but is almost certain to be adopted. In the meanwhile, the question of employing Li Hung Chang as an intermediary is meeting with more and more favor, and as the Associated Press has intimated in recent dispatches in all probability will be settled affirmatively as soon as Li Hung Chang is able to obtain necessary authority.

The recent statement that the Admirals of the Powers in Chinese waters contemplated detaining Li Hung Chang at Taku is devoid of foundation. Li Hung Chang will remain at Shanghal, endeavoring to the utmost to open communications with his colleagues of the Chinese Government.

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There is a growing conviction in official circles here that the withdrawai of the allies from Pekin is the only practical procedure under the existing circumstances.

There is, however, no doubt in official circles that it will be necessary for the Powers to maintain their hold of the Taku forts and certain other strategical points until satisfactory terms are arranged and ample guarantees given by China for her future good behavior.

GERMANY IS EMBARRASSED.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 31.—The Grand Army of the Republic at Chicago Wednesday adopted resolutions condemning the school books alleged to be used in the Southern schools as calculated to perpetuate "prejudice against the Federal Government over the events of the civil war.

General John B. Gordon, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, says he does not believe that any respectable Southern teacher is knowingly using any book that is intended to perpetuate sectional prejudice in the minds of Southern children.

CHINESE EMPIRE.

Exchange of Views Between the United States and Russia.

PROPOSITION OF THE CZAR.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.-The State Department has just made public the text of the Russian proposal and

Telegraphic instructions sent to the representatives of the United States in Berlin, Vienna, Paris, London, Rome, Tokio and St. Petersburg:

Department of State,) Washington, D. C., Aug. 29, 1900.)

of the Taku forts and certain other to lillustrate a clever move by which the United States government again has assumed the lead in prescribing the policy of the Fowers respecting the policy of the Fowers respecting the policy of the Fowers respecting the policy of the Fowers are prescribed by the State Department's availing itself of the Russian note to address to the Powers an inquiry as to their policies, an answer to which scarcely can be avoided.

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Various meanings can be placed upon the statements of the two principals one hand, it may be not the policies as a purpose to with draw her troops from China, still as to the occupying forces at Niu (thwang, a condition is attached that almost negatives the proposition as to that point, Respecting our own attain Pekin, our government is still willing to withdraw. Perhaps this means that if there is to be separate action by the Powers in China the United States proposed to deal with the situation with a free hand.

It may be noted, in connection with a first proposition of the two principals of the powers and the proposition of the United States in such a step. Count ron Buelow, the Foreign Minister, considers the new situation the was about to take.

This evening the semi-ordical press that if there is to be separate action by the Powers in China the United States in proposed to withdraw from Pekin, The other Powers do not regard the military situation there as recarding the subject:

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"The government of the United States receives with much satisfaction the reiterated statement that Russia has no designs of territorial acquisition in China, and that equally with the other Powers now operating in China. Russia has sought the safety of her legation in Pekin and to help the Chinese government to repress the existing troubles. The same purposes have moved and will continue to control the government of the United States, and the frank declarations of Russia in this regard are in accord with those made to the United States hay the other Powers. All of the Powers, therefore, having disclaimed any purpose to acquire any part of China, and now that advance thereto has been renewed since relief has reached Pekin, it ought not to be difficult by cor-

fust demands.

"We consider, however, that a continued occupation of Pekin would be ineffective to produce the desired result, unless all the Powers unite therein with entire harmony of purpose.

Any Power which determines to withdraw its troops from Pekin will necestrally proceed thereafter to protect its.

The gates of Pao Ting Fu are kept closed and the people inside are suffering, the Boxers besieging the place.

The RIBLE SLAUGHTER.

The Viceroy reports that the Taotal of the city of Tsang Chow, on the ca-

interests in China by its own method, and we think that this would make a general withdrawal expedient. As to the time and manner of withdrawal, we think, in view of the imperfect knowledge of the military situation, resulting from the interruptions of telegraphic communication, the several military commanders at Pekin should be instructed to confer and agree together upon the withdrawal as a concerted movement, as they agreed upon the advance.

"The result of these considerations is that, unless there is such a general expression by the Powers in favor of continued occupation as to modify the views expressed by the Government of Russia, and lead to a general agreement for continued occupation, we shall give instructions to the commander of the American forces in China to withdrawal our troops from Pekin after due conference with the other commanders as to the time and manner of withdrawal.

"The Government of the United States is much gratified by the assurances given by Russia that the occupation of Niu Chwang is for military steps for the security of the Russian border provinces menaced by the Cinces, and that as soon as order shall be re-established Russia will retire her troops from those places if the action of the other Powers be not an obstacle the other Powers

"ALVEY A. ADEE,
"Assistant Secretary."
Openartment of State, Washington,

August 29."
You will communicate the foregoing to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and invite early consideration and response.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Day Myers, a pretty young actress, committed suicide here this morning committed suicide here this morning with laudanum because of the failure of the amateur play "Blbl," which she had arranged and presented for the benefit of the Grady Hospital in Atlanta. After lingering some eight hours she died. Mrs. Myers was from St. Louis, Mo., where her father is said to be a professor or lecturer in one of the leading colleges.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
New York, Aug. 31.—Health Officer
Doty will quarantine all vessels from
Glasgow for twelve days from their

MARCH ON PEKIN.

The Americans Buoyed Up by Appeals to Their National Pride.

TRANSPORTATION TROUBLES.

(Copyright 1900 the Associated Press.) Pekin, Aug. 11, by Post via Tien and tent rolls, started under the heaviest loads, but they soon stripped to fighting trim, preferring to forego their blankets rather than sweat under them. During the last two nights of the march they slept tired and worn-out in the rain without shelter or cover.

One night the wagon train lost the

One night the wagon train lost the road and passed the American camp. The drivers plodded along four miles in the darkness and rain. They might have driven into the Chinese camp, but fortunately the Russians stopped them just in time.

The Americans often bivouacked supperless and breakfastless, and toward the end the officers kept the men at work only by appealing to their national pride.

"Don't let the Britishers beat you. Don't let the Russians get ahead," they constantly urged.

nat, invited two thousand Boxers to a feast, and that while the Boxers were eating and their weapons were stack-ed the Imperial soldiers, by his orders, fell upon them and slaughtered all of them.

RECRIMINATION.

There is much recrimination between the foreigners besieged in Pekin and the members of the relieving force. Officers say that the besieged sent out alarmist reports, and that the condition of the foreigners was never one of such extremities as the official dispatches reported. The foreigners, they assert, could have resisted indefinitely. The besieged accuse the relievers of timidity and of exaggerating the Chinese opposition. They think a much smaller army might have made the march and relieved them months sooner.

LOOTING AT PEKIN.

The looting at Pekin proceeds industriously and openly. The officers of every nation except the Americans isnore the repressive order, and all the allies ridicule the Americans for their obstantion.

Missionary Green, of the China Inland Mission, his sister, wife and their two children, who were for some time held as prisoners by the Boxers near Pao Ting Fu, were well treated.

A company of Chinese Catholics have held a town near Pao Ting Fu for three months against the Boxers and Imperial troops. The officials have offered large sums for their capture.

THE IMPERIAL PALACE.
Yokohama, Aug. 31.—General Yamaguchi, commanding the Japanese troops in China, reports that at a meeting of foreign ministers and commanders it was decided to maintain guards at the gates of the imperial city, entrusting the south gates to the Americans, while the Japanese hold three others. It was also decided to commemorate the occasion of Pekin by a march of the

CHAMPION JEFFRIES WILLING.

(By telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Richmond, Va., Aug. 31.-Jeffries, the

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Stockholm, Aug. 31.—Captain Grendhal telegraphs the following message here from Skjervoo, Norway:
"Andre's buoy No. 4 has been found here, and contains the following:
"July 7, 19 p. m. Greenwich. Our voyage gone well so far. Are now at an attitude of 250 metros. Original disking with the control of t

undeviation. Later, north 45 degrees east; compass undeviation. Four carrier pigeons dispatched. They are dying west. We are now over ice, which is very rugged. Weather splendid the whole time. In excellent safrits.

splendid the whole time. In excellent spirits.

"'ANDRE.

"'STRUDBERG (Strindberg)?

"FRAENKE."

"Above the clouds; fine: 7:45 Green-wich mean time."

Cans Knocks Out Hawkins !!

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

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RICHMOND MAN HURT IN NEW YORK.

Capt, A. B. Guigon a Victim of the Recent Race Riot.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Jake Wells, captain of team; F. W. Cumingham, manager; John C. Weckert, clerk to committee and official scorer.

ODD FELLOWS COMING.

The Odd Fellows are daily receiving letters going to show that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which meets here ext month, will be largely attended. Special attention will be given to the entertainment of the visitors.

A letter has been received from the Old Dominion Steamship Company, stating that the styamer Hampton Roads will be at the Newport News wharf at moon on September 15th to meet the special train from Richmond with the delegates and their ladies on board, who will be carried through the Capes and back to Old Point for dinner at the Chamber in Hotel. There will not be less than 500 people on this trip.

DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION.

Chairman J. Taylor Elyson has been paying much attention to the county organizations throughout the State. He said to-day that he was co-operating with Mr. W. R. Hearst, President of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, and with National Chairman J. K. Jones, and that it was his purposa to have a campaign club organized in every precinct in the State.

He says he thinks the campaign is going to be very interesting, and that the Democratic all ever the State are taking a lively interest in the fight.

Col. Button is expected here either to-morrow or Monday, and will remain on guard as secretary until the battle is over.

LETTER FROM CHINA.

Mr. Albert Bosher, of this city, has Just received a letter from his cousin, Mr. Lewis E. Bosher, also of Richmond, dated Tang Ku, and relates the incidents. In connection with the fights around Tien Tsin and Pekin.

He says the Chinese have the first arms, but they do not know how to use them. "The Chinese are cowardly," no says." and 50 of them would run from 20 allies." Mr. Bosher was in the thick of several rights, but escaped injury, although men fell around him. He was with the Americans in Manila, and was itransferred to China.

The letter was written on fine Chinese rice paper, with pencil, and was addressed with pencil.

He kays that the Chinese retreat from Tien Tsin was so sudden that many valuable private and personal possession; were left behind.

The appearance of an American boy or troops caused the Chinese 12 drep everything and run.

MAYOR WOODWARD OF ATLANTA.

The city council of Atlanta has voted to begin impeachment proceedings against Mayor James G. Woodward on a charge of gross neglect of duty because of continued drunkenness. The date set for the trial is Tuesday, Sept. 4.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot)

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Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 31.—The execution of Tom Jones, the negro murderer, took place here to-day. He kept his nerve on the gallows, and died in five minutes after the drop feil. He was baptized and joined the Catholic Church Monday.

The crime he committed was one of the most atrocious ever committed in this State. On the second of March last he killed Elia Jones and her 13-year-old daughter, and burned their house to hide his crime, roasting beside the bodies of his victims, four of her children, the youngest of which was an unnamed month old babe, of which Jones was the father.

The Situation in Cuba (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot)

Jucaro, Cuba, Aug. 21.—Governor General Wood, after a careful canvass of the island finds good order prevailing and the jails for the greater partempty. The reconstruction of the country is slow, but much is being accomplished. Nowhere has he seen evidences of suffering from hunger. The health of the United States troops at all points is good.

A General Strike Expected-

Hazieton, Pa., Aug. 31.—It is fully expected here that a general, strike of the anthracite coal miners will be ordered September 6, but it is opposed by many English-speaking miners and it is doubtful how many would go out.

TRANSPORTATION DIFFICUL-

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The army transport when it reached Pekin was an unique spectacle, miles of animals, vehicles and cooles, trailed behind, everything imaginable on wheels, from farm wagons to fashionable equipages.

The Japanese had cows bearing packs and the Russians had camels. Chinamen pulled the carts, staggering under heavy packs, the soldlers cursing and beating them. Several dropped dead.

Two hundred junks and scows, bearing munitions, were towed up the river by coolies. Had the Chinese taken the offensive most of the transportation might easily have been captured and cut to pieces by small flanking parties.

After it was apparent that the enemy was demoralized, the generals trusted the transports to luck and bent their efforts toward getting ahead. Only such an emergency as existed could have justified such hardships as were imposed upon the troops.

RAVAGED BY BOXERS.

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Taku, Aug. 28.—(Via Shanghai, Aug. 30.)—An intercepted letter, written by the vicercy of Pao Ting Fu, who commanded at Tien Tsin during the fighting there, complains that the Boxers are overrunning the country southwest of Tien Tsin, particularly the cities on the Grand Canai, despising the officials who at first counterproduct. who at first countenanced them, and looting and killing the enemies of their